



ON FACTS & FACTS ALONE

RE-ELECT MAYOR

PHILIP C.

O'DONNELL



YOUR

BUSINESS

AND

MINE!

TENDING TO THE TRUTH!

27 Harris Street

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Citizens of West Peabody:

In this campaign for the office of Mayor of the City of Peabody, I undertook to tend to the business of truth. I intend to keep that obligation to the final minute of the campaign and for the next two years. In a recent scurrilous paper left at your doors, certain citizens, without full knowledge of my opponent's position until informed by me on last Friday, in their anger and agony, attempted to poison your minds against me.

In the final paragraph of their poison pen effort, they cautioned you as follows: **LET THE PAST BE A LESSON TO US!** Shall we both adopt their advice? Let's do it! Let's see where the truth is! Let's examine the past! And let it be a lesson to us!

Ask yourself and your friends and neighbors who it was who made West Peabody the garden spot of our community. Ask them who built the roads! Ask them who planned and executed the plans for the new Kiley Brothers Memorial School! Ask them who had the courage and the vision to undertake the extension and the rehabilitation of our city's water supply! Find out for yourselves what the West Peabody community was before my administration came into office. If you are a new resident, you will find from talking to your neighbors that the beautiful surroundings in which you now live were neglected for the past forty years. I speak the truth. I ask you to hear it from the residents of West Peabody who know it to be the truth.

Now, ask yourself and your friends and neighbors what I have done to harm you. Look about you. Where have I permitted industry to spoil your homes? If you see any business or industry in West Peabody, it was there before 1937, the year the zoning ordinance was adopted. If you see it on the highways, it is because it was rightly permitted by the Planning Board and the City Council. Look about. Where is there a single instance in which I have failed you? I speak the truth.

The proposed water sites are owned by Clyde Brown, who lives at No. 481 Lowell Street. His phone number is JE 1-5089. He has just given the City the right to test his land for our future water needs. He is not my brother-in-law. Call him and then decide who speaks the truth. I do!

Who deceived our fellow citizens, the signers of the poison pen paper left at your door? Did I or did my opponent? Ask my opponent who insures the property interests of the company which was granted the permit for the kiddieland — the so-called amusement park. If he speaks the truth for the first time in this campaign, he will tell you that he does. He will tell you further that he asked a member of the Appeal Board to issue the permit, because he was personally interested. If he fails to tell you the truth, please call my office and I will give you the day and date of the policies of insurance, the number of the policies, the amount, the name of the companies, and the dates of expiration.

Who writes the insurance for Campanelli Builder, Inc.? Do I or does my opponent? The records are in the office of my opponent. Ask him. If he fails to tell you the truth, I will. I will give you the date, the name of the company, the amount, and the date of expiration. You can check with the company's office; I shall provide the telephone number. Who speaks the truth? I do!

You have been told that I permitted a large land developer to "get away" with his promise to provide some 15 acres of land for playground purposes in West Peabody. Mr. Moore of the Planning Board gave the "lie" to that comment at the recent meeting at the West Peabody Community Center. But the lie persists. The deed which grants the 15 acres to the City of Peabody has been in the hands of the Planning Board for the past month. Ask the members of the Board. Who speaks the truth? I do!

But the time is short. The space is limited. And the lies and half-truths are so abundant. I confess that I cannot keep pace with them. I must ask you in fairness to try for yourselves to distinguish the truth. Your own eyes and your neighbor's voice will help you. I am willing to rely on such a test, because I cannot personally see each of you. The lies take wing before the truth gets off the ground.

I shall to the limit of my ability continue to tend to the business of truth. I ask you to support my candidacy for re-election only if you find that I do.

Sincerely,

Philip C. O'Donnell, Mayor

